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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO			3409-101				
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371			U.S. Application No. (if known)				
		10/578,475					
	TIONAL APPLICATION NO. 104/009949	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 7 September 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 7 November 2003				
TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LAYING A PIPELINE							
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Massoud BAGHERNEJAD							
Applicant informatio		States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO	/US) the following items and other				
1. []	This is a FIRST submission of	of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C.	. 371				
2. [x]	This is a SECOND or SUBSI	EQUENT submission of items concerning a	filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.				
3. []	3. [] This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.						
4. []	The US has been elected (A	The US has been elected (Article 31).					
5. []	. [] A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. [] is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. [] has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. [] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)						
6. []	An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). a. [] is attached hereto. b. [] has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).						
7. []	Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. [] are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. [] have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. [] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. [] have not been made and will not be made.						
8. []	An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).						
9. [x]	[x] An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).						
10. []	 An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). 						
ITEMS 11. TO 20. below concern other document(s) or information included:							
11. [] 12. [] 13. []	 An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 						
14. []	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,						
16. į̇̃ j̇́	. [] A power of attorney and/or change of address letter [] A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2						
18. [] 19. []	and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825 A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).						

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20. [_] Other items or information: [] RO/101 [] RO/105 [] ISA/210(ISR) [] IB/301 [] IB/304 [] IB/308 [] IB 401 [] IB/409(IPER) [] IB/416] NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 USC 371						
21. The following f	fees are submitt	ted:		CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY	
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23. Search	ı Fee			\$		
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a. A check in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees is enclosed.							
b. X Please charge my A duplicate copy of	Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-2135 in the amount of \$_130.00 to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.						
c. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2135. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.							
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.							
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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

Copy of the International Application filed on 05/08/2006

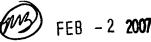
• Copy of the International Search Report filed on 05/08/2006

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Preliminary Amendments filed on 05/08/2006

- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 05/08/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 05/08/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 05/08/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 05/08/2006

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The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath
 or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the
 missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

• \$130 Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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